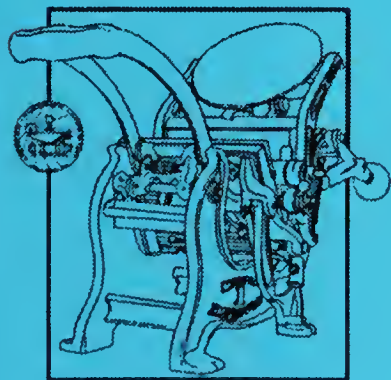


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By: Don Keopple II

Dear ILNA Members,

Hello all, it's been a long winter and spring is finally here, this is the time of year there are a lot of shows to attend. Springfield show is coming up and as always is sure to be a great one. Next up is Central States show in Rosemont April 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. This is a really exciting time in the coin business, as of today 3-14-08, gold closed for the first time in history at \$1002.00 and silver is over \$20. This has been a really busy year in the coin business and looks like no let up is in sight.

We still have not had any applicants for the ANA Summer Seminar this year and time is running out. If interested please contact me for more information.

ILNA board elections will soon be upon us. Anyone interested in running for the board please contact me or Michael Doran.

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## Making Sense

By John D. Wright

This year should be easy to guess before we get to the coin stuff, but let's start off with some less-known tidbits about this fascinating year. Let's see how soon you can tell the year.

At least a half-million Irish die this year of starvation and hunger-related typhus. Several hundred thousand more emigrate, mostly to America.

The United States and Britain both lower tariffs on imports this year. Both countries will experience increasing benefits from this over the next fifteen years.

A "new planet beyond Uranus" has been hypothesized, its location and mass calculated, and when telescopes are turned to the calculated position, "Planet X" is discovered less than one degree from the predicted location. The new planet will be named "Neptune".

Elias Howe, the "father of the modern sewing machine", patents the first eye-needed sewing machine.

Nancy Johnson of New Jersey invents a portable hand-cranked ice cream churn.

Cookbooks of this year include The Young Housekeepers Friend, Miss Beecher's Domestic Receipt Book, and the ultimate of haute cuisine, Gastronomic Regenerator.

A Book of Nonsense is published in London and is an instant phenomenon. Everybody is crazy over the simple rhymes, called "Limericks".

Colleges begun this year include Buchnell University, University of Buffalo, Beloit College, Grinnel College, Madison University (now Colgate University), and Saint John's College (now Fordham University).

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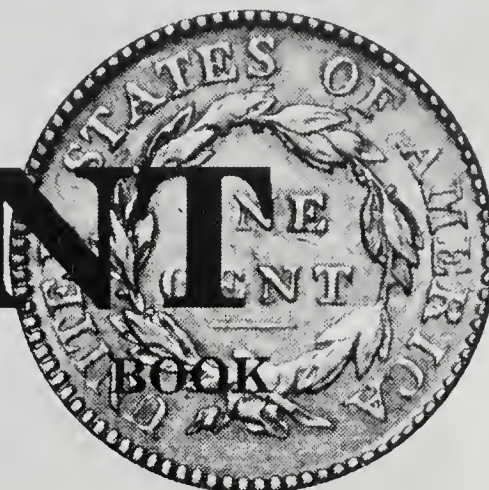
New York's Trinity Church is completed this year on Broadway opposite Wall Street. The spire of the new church is visible throughout the City. Grace Episcopal Church and Calvary Church are also completed this year in NYC.

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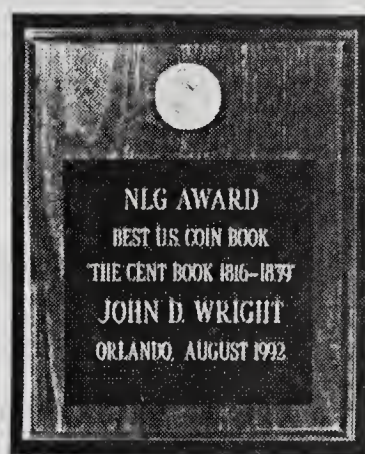
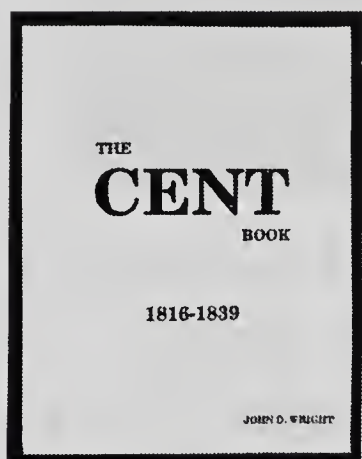




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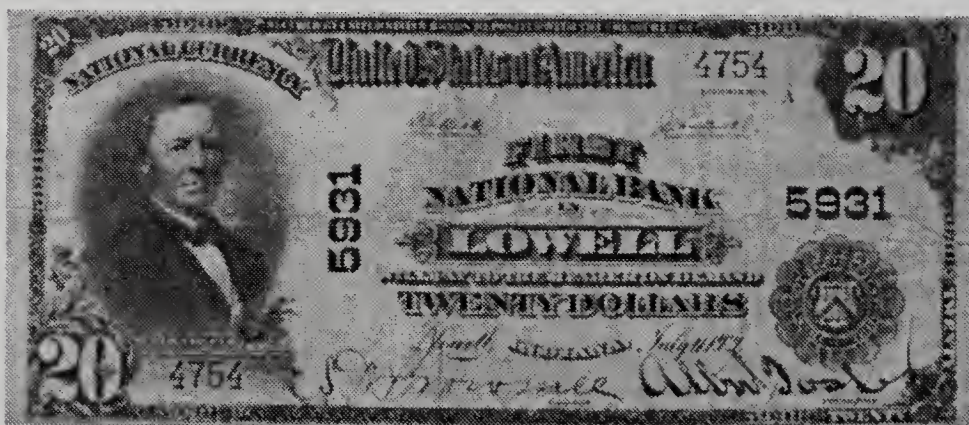
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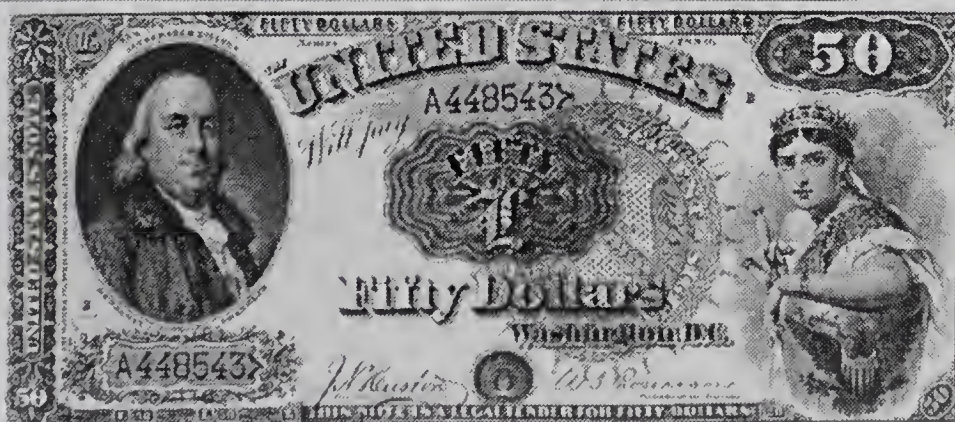
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## Making Sense (Cont.)

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The first state in the US to abolish capital punishment does so this year. The state is Michigan.

Iowa is admitted to the union as the 29th state.

Panama is still a part of New Granada (Colombia). This year New Granada grants to the US rights of transit across the isthmus, but retains its own sovereignty over the area.

Brigham Young leads his band of Mormons westward from Nauvoo IL, with his announced destination as "Spanish territories beyond the western limits of the United States. This year the Mormon band reaches Omaha in their quest.

A treaty with Britain settles the claims on the disputed Oregon Territory. The border is set at 49 degrees north latitude, dividing the "joint claim" region nearly equally between Canada and the United States. The US/Canadian border has remained unchanged since then, except for the change of ownership of Alaska from Russia to the United States.

If a few of the items above have not yet given you the year, the next items should certainly do so.

The US President sends General Zachary Taylor to Texas with 4,000 men, which is half of the nation's military force. Taylor is ordered to advance to the Rio Grande and defend that as a US border. Mexico, which has always claimed that territory as theirs, attacks and kills a US reconnaissance party. Taylor retaliates in force and notifies Washington "Hostilities may now be considered to have commenced". The President announces to Congress that Mexico "has invaded our territory and shed American blood upon American soil". Congress declares war against Mexico and appropriates \$10 million and 50,000 troops for that effort. Taylor battles his way southward into Mexico.

Samuel Colt vastly increases his firearm production as the US places large orders for revolvers for use in the Mexican war.

Polk's War" is opposed by Senators JQ Adams, and A Lincoln. Lieutenant US Grant states "We have no moral right for this war". In general, the

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By Michael B. Doran



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## Making Sense (Cont.)

Mexican war is supported by southern states as a means for expanding slave-holding territory. It is opposed by northern states for the same reason. Tennessee reaffirms its appellation as “the Volunteer State”. The federal government has called for 2,800 troops from Tennessee. Forty thousand Tennesseans volunteer for the Mexican war.

But many of the US soldiers are unsupportive of a “war of aggression” – enough so to desert the US Army and join the defending Mexican Army. Most of these are Irishmen, treated as a lower class by their Anglo-American officers. The Mexicans organize these men (originally 50, growing to perhaps 500 of them) into a separate unit called “Los San Patricios”, or the Saint Patrick’s Battalion, under the command of John Riley. Riley, of County Galway Ireland, had deserted the British Army in Canada to join the US Army in Mackinac MI. Sent to Texas in 1845, he then deserted the US Army and joined the Mexican Army. The San Patricios under Riley will fight in every major battle of this war. We will hear more of them in the next installment of Making Sense.

US troops defeat Mexican forces near Las Cruces, completing their conquest of New Mexico.

California’s “Bear Flag Republic” begins in Sonoma when US Army Captain John Fremont spreads a rumor that Mexico will soon be taking action against US citizens. Thirty-three US citizens revolt, capture and imprison the Commandante de California Nortena, and declare their independence from Mexico. US troops begin driving out all Mexican authorities and troops from California. US naval forces take Monterrey, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego. The ‘Republic’ is dissolved after only 25 days when the US claims California as a US Territory.

If the start of the Mexican War did not scream “1846” at you, then US history is not one of your stronger points. This year the four US mints struck nine of the ten denominations originally mandated by the coinage act of 1792. Half cents of 1846 are known only in Proof and there is strong evidence that none of the Proof-only half cents (1840-49 Small Date and 1852) were made before 1857. This might also include the 1831 and 1836.

In 1846 the mints at Charlotte and Dahlonga struck quarter eagles and half eagles only, and New Orleans struck all denominations down to the half dollar. This year is the first branch-mint dollar. With a mintage of only 59,000, the 1846-O dollar must have been hoarded or held in bank vaults as

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## Making Sense (Cont.)

they are not overly difficult to obtain today. Most MS examples of this coin are heavily bagmarked.

The half dimes and dimes of 1846 are both among the keys of their series, with mintages of only 27,000 half dimes and 31,300 dimes. Nothing else is really remarkable about the silver or gold coinage of 1846.

Large cents of 1846 are readily found in all grades. Their date comes in three slightly different sizes, of which only a collector of large cents (such as myself) would care. All three are equally common. To tell the date-size of an 1846 cent at a glance, look at the final 6 (only). Tall-date cents have a wide-open mouth to the 6. The medium-date 1846 has a knob on the 6 and a slight opening at the mouth of the 6, while the small-date 1846 cent has no knob at all and the 6 almost closed. A recent Red Book may not help matters much, as the 2005 (58th edition only) Guidebook of United States Coins pictures two small-date coins for the "small" and "medium". Still, that is the sort of thing that keeps this hobby fascinating.

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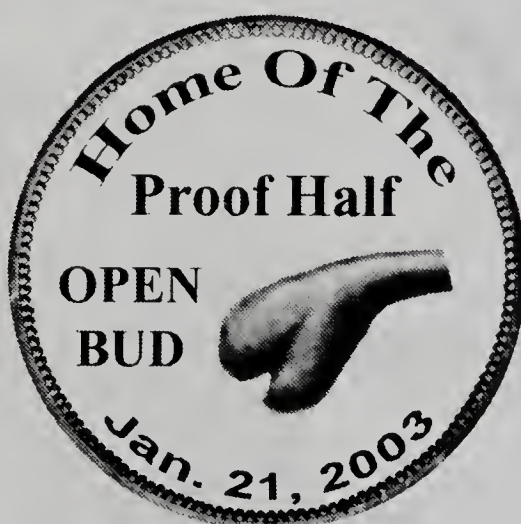
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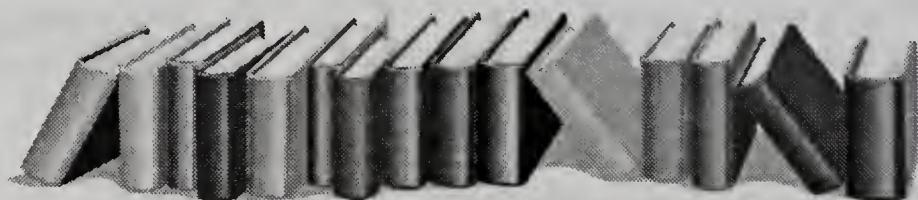
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Our web site also lists the meeting place and time of all member clubs. If you change your meeting time, location or date, please let us know as soon as possible. We will make corrections in the "Digest" and on our web site.

In hopes that some of your members would like to write an article for the "Digest", please pass these closing dates along to your club members.

Please take **pictures** at your coin shows and mail them to me so we can use them in your "Digest" and on the web site. Please write on the back of each photograph who is in the picture. Color photographs are fine.

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**April 27, (Sun)** Elgin Coin Club Spring Show-Elgin, IL. *Location:* V.F.W. Post 1307, 1601 Weld Road, Elgin, IL, 9:00 AM to 3 PM. *Tables:* 32 *Fee:* \$35 *Admission:* Free, *Contact* Don Cerny , PO Box 561, South Elgin, IL. 60177 Phone: 847 888-1449

**May 25, (Sun)** Tazewell Numismatic Society 48th Anniversary Coin Show East Peoria, IL. *Location:* East Peoria Event Center, 4200 E. Washington St., East Peoria, IL ( Rt. 8 Between East Peoria and Sunnyland ) *Tables:* 60 +, *Fee:* \$50, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 Phone: 309 353-6178

**July 27, (Sun)** Central Illinois Numismatic Association Summer Coin Show-Springfield, IL. 9 AM to 4 PM *Location:* Northfield Center I , Northfield Drive and Dirksen Parkway (3280 Northfield Drive) Springfield, IL. *Tables:* 60 *Fee:* \$40 *Admission:* \$1 C.I.N.A. Members and children 16 and under are free. *Contact:* Steve Soltys, email: ssoltys@insight.com *Phone:* 217 793-2178

### **September 4, 5, 6 (Thursday, Friday & Saturday)**

Illinois Numismatic Association's 49th Annual Coin Show and Convention  
Tinley Park Convention Center, 1851 S. Harlem Ave (I-80 & Harlem Ave N)  
Tinley Park, IL Show hours: **Thursday:** 10 AM to 11 AM Dealer Setup, 11 AM to 3 PM Dealer Setup and Early Bird Badges, 3 PM to 7 PM Open to the public **Friday:** 8 AM to 9 AM Dealers and Early Bird Badges, 9 AM to 7 PM Open to the public **Saturday:** 8 AM to 9 AM Dealers and Early Bird Badges, 9 AM to 5 PM Open to the public. 190 Tables, Admission Free After 3 PM Thursday. Bourse Information, Contact: Frank M. Zapushek, PO Box 1993, Bloomington, IL 61702-1993, Phone: 309 662-0159, email: frank@bakercoins.net

**September 14, (Sun)** Tazewell Numismatic Society 48th Annual Coin Show East Peoria, IL. East Peoria Event Center, 4200 E. Washington St., East Peoria, IL ( Rt. 8 Between East Peoria and Sunnyland ) *Tables:* 60 +, *Table Fee:* \$50, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 Phone: 309 353-6178

**September 21, (Sun)** Rockford Area Coin Club 104th Semi-Annual Coin Show, Rockford, IL 9 am to 4 pm, *Location:* Holiday Inn - Hoffman House, 7550 E. State St., Rockford, IL. *Tables:* 56 *Fee:* \$45 *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Don Smith, 100 W Main St. Rockton IL 61072. Phone: 815-624-0422, or email at dcoins0302@aol.com



## Local Shows

**September 28 (Sun)** Mount Vernon Coin & Currency Show, 9 AM to 3:30 PM, *Location:* Rolland W. Lewis Community Building, 800 S. 27th St., Mount Vernon, IL (On the grounds of Veterans Park--6 blocks South of IL Rt. 15/Broadway St.) *Tables:* 35 *Fee:* \$35 *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Doran Of Illinois Coin Shows, PO Box 30, Greenup, IL 62428, Phone: 217 663-0276 or email: [info@doics.com](mailto:info@doics.com)

**October 26, (Sun)** Elgin Coin Club 46th Annual Show-Elgin, IL. *Location:* V.F.W. Post 1307, 1601 Weld Road, Elgin, IL, 9:00 AM to 3 PM. *Tables:* 32 *Fee:* \$35 *Admission:* Free, Free Y.N. Auction at 1:00 PM, Door prizes and club raffle, *Contact* Don Cerny , PO Box 561, South Elgin, IL. 60177 Phone: 847 888-1449

**November 2, (Sun)** Champaign-Urbana Coin and Currency Club Annual Show. 9 AM to 4 PM *Location:* Urbana Civic Center, 108 Water St., Urbana, Illinois. *Tables:* 32 *Fee:* \$30 *Admission:* Free *Contact:* Clyde Sweet, Box 1174, Champaign, IL 61824 e-mail: [cwsweet3@msn.com](mailto:cwsweet3@msn.com)

**November 9, (Sun)** Central Illinois Numismatic Association Fall Coin Show-Springfield, IL., 9 AM to 4 PM *Location:* Northfield Center I , Northfield Drive and Dirksen Parkway (3210 Northfield Drive) Springfield, IL., *Tables:* 60, *Admission:* \$1 C.I.N.A. Members & Children 16 and under are free, *Contact:* Pat Devine, Show Chairman, Phone: 217 787-3241

**November 23, (Sun)** Tazewell Numismatic Society 15th Holiday Coin Show East Peoria, IL. East Peoria Event Center, 4200 E. Washington St., East Peoria, IL ( Rt. 8 Between East Peoria and Sunnyland ) *Tables:* 60 +, *Table Fee:* \$50, *Admission:* Free, *Contact:* Dale Freidinger, PO Box 696, Pekin, IL. 61554 Phone: 309 353-6178

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**Club of Illinois Numismatists (C.O.I.N.S. Club).** *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 P.M.. at the Hazel Crest Village Hall, 3000 W. 170th St, Hazel Crest, IL. *Information:* (Mailing address ) C.O.I.N.S. Club, P.O. Box 2334, Homewood, IL 60429

**Corn Belt Coin Club.** *Meetings:* First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 P.M.. at the National City Bank, 200 E. Washington, Bloomington, IL. *Information:* Phone Jeff Stover 309 664-0688

**Danville Coin Club.** *Meetings:* Third Monday of each month, 7:00 P.M.. at the Palmer American Bank, Danville, IL. *Information:* Danville Coin Club, 2816 Baumgart, Danville, IL. 61832. Phone 217 443-6942

**Dupo Coin Club.** *Meetings:* Third Monday of each month, 7:30 P.M.. at the V.F.W. Hall, 200 N. 5th St., Dupo, IL. *Information:* Dupo Coin Club, P.O. Box 992, Columbia, IL. 62236. Phone Ron Nowak at 618 281-4875.

**Edgar County Coin Club.** *Meetings:* Third Sunday of each month, 2:00 P.M.. at the Chamber of Commerce, 105 N. Central, Paris, IL. *Information:* Pat Brazelton, 1231 N. High St., Paris, IL 61944 Phone: 217 463-2217 email: [pbraz@joink.com](mailto:pbraz@joink.com)

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## Local Clubs

**Elgin Coin Club.** *Meetings:* First Wednesday of each month, 7:00 P.M.. at the Elgin VFW Post at 1601 Weld Road, Elgin, IL. *Information:* Elgin Coin Club, P.O. Box 561, South Elgin, IL. 60177

**Fairfield Coin Club.** *Meetings:* Second Sunday of each Month (Except Sunday of Annual Show), Noon to 3:00 p.m. at Frontier College, (Highway 45-15 West) 2 Frontier Drive, Fairfield, IL. *Information:* Elias N. Simpson, 501 West King St., Fairfield, IL. 62837. *Phone:* 618 842-2035

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**Lake County Coin Club.** *Meeting:* First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Location is Jester's Lounge, 1500 Lewis Ave, Waukegan, IL. *Information:* Lake County Coin Club, 2210 Crescent Pl., Waukegan, IL. 60085.

**Mattoon Coin Club.** *Meetings:* First Tuesday of each month, 7:30 p. m. , Second floor of County Market (food store) at 20th St. and Western Avenue, Mattoon, *Information:* P.O. Box 143, Mattoon, IL. 61938.

**Metro East Coin & Currency Club.** *Meetings:* Third Tuesday of Sept. thru Nov. and Jan. thru April, 7:00 P.M. the Coin Shop, 1121 East Main, Belleville, IL. *Information:* St Clair Numismatic Society, 1121 E. Main. Belleville, IL. 62220. Phone 618 277-4493.

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**Quad-City Coin Club.** *Meetings:* Third Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the Garden Center of the Moline Park Board (located off 5th Ave, at 34th St.), Moline, IL. *Information:* John Brixey, Quad City Coin Club, P.O. Box 332, Moline, IL. 61266

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**Rantoul Coin Club.** *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Temporarily at the American Lutheran Church, 500 Church Drive, Rantoul, IL., *Information:* RCC, 203 E. Campbell St. Rantoul, IL. 61866

**Rockford Area Coin Club.** *Meetings:* Third Thursday of each month, 6:00 PM at the Loves Park Library, 6340 N. Second St., Loves Park, IL (Just north of Rockford). *Information:* Don Smith, 100 W. Main, Rockton, IL 61072, Phone Daytime 815 624-0422

**Sauk Trail Coin Club.** *Meetings:* First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p. m. at the Chicago Heights Park District Building, 14th St. and Chicago Rd., Chicago Heights, IL. *Information:* Harold Ober, P.O. Box 242, Olympia Fields, IL. 60461. Phone 708 747-0461

**Tazewell Numismatic Society.** *Meetings:* First Wednesday of each month at the First United Methodist Church, 1315 Court Street (Across from hospital), Pekin, IL. Time: 7:00 PM *Information:* D. Freidinger, P.O. Box 1203, Pekin, IL 61555-1203. Phone 309 353-6178.

**Wat-cha-kee Coin Club.** *Meetings:* Second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. (No meeting June, July, August) at Celebrations on the Corner, 209 W. Oak St (Coner of 2nd and Oak) , Watseka, IL., *Information:* Phone Kermit Wasmer at 815 432-4636.

**Wabash Valley Coin Club.** *Meetings:* Fourth Tuesday of each month (except December), 7:00 p.m. eastern time at the Vigo County Public Library Basement Room C, Corner of Poplar & S. 7th Streets , Terre Haute, IN. *Information:* WVCC, P.O. Box 3, Terre Haute, IN. 47808 or phone IL 217 663-0276 IN 812 235-0884 e-mail: Wvcoinclub@aol.com

**Will County Coin Club.** *Meetings:* First Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the People First Bank, 3100 Theodore St in Joliet, IL. *Information:* Mark Wieclaw, 175 W. Wood St., New Lenox, IL. 60451 or phone 815 485-4137.

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